

A low-angle photograph of a bare, dark tree branch against a textured background of teal and red. The branch is dark and intricate, with many thin, leafless twigs reaching upwards and outwards. The background is a mottled, painterly texture in shades of teal and red, with the red being more prominent in the upper right corner.

HOG WASH

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Hog Wash is an ongoing series. This is book eighteen which means, follow me now, there were seventeen before it. Currently, photos and stories are going into book thirty-five. So, there is a bunch and I probably won't be around long enough to publish all of them whatever all of them turns out to be. I've slowed down a bit on the stories due to time.

Full resolution photos used in this book can be found at davidseibold.us.

Disclaimer: Almost none of the stories in this book are true. Every once in awhile, I'll slip up and include something that is true, but, I would take everything with a grain of salt. As you read this book, keep in mind that I have made an attempt to include something for everyone. Some folks are always looking for errors. So, if you find any, please remember that they are there for a reason.

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Yum (t)



Juan's Solar BBQ is some of the best eating you have ever had. Juan's brother, Juantoo, is a pilot and he drags pigs, cows, turkey, whatever he can find, through the focused beams of sunlight to BBQ them almost instantly.

Coalinga, California 2013

Aerial Attack (t)



Bob Springlegs was a pretty good long jumper in track and field. He never made it to the big times, but, he was fairly successful. He's still using his skills jumping from rooftop to rooftop and then dropping water balloons on pedestrians. Other than the initial shock of getting hit with the balloon, most people really like the cool feel on a hot Summer day!

Bakersfield, California 2013

Fine Wine (t)



Chas Cannibalique grows Sang Saturé wine grapes. His yield is very limited which always guarantees a good price. When the vines start developing, they hang through the lattice work and that's when Chas invites the neighboring town over for a BBQ. He gets about 350 people attending. Usually, 125 or so make it home after the festivities. The rest? Well, next year's attendees will get to sample the BBQ and wine.

Zaca Mesa Winery, Los Olivos, California 2013

Payback (t)(p)



Danny the Squirrel would sit on one of these branches and torment the dogs. The dogs barked and jumped until they were hoarse and tuckered out. Danny fell off the branch the other day. The dogs ate him.

Zaca Mesa Winery, Los Olivos, California 2013

Mechanical Energy (t)



All kinds of springs come here to warm up Tension/extension springs, compression springs, torsion springs, constant springs, variable springs, coil springs, flat springs, machined springs, serpentine springs, etc. Some times, the torsion springs and the serpentine springs get a little boisterous. No serious fights or anything. Usually, things spring back to normal quickly.

Cold Spring Tavern, Santa Barbara County, California 2013

Cutting The Herd (t)



Slim the Wrangler loved his job. Riding the range on his trusty horse, Big Wally. Herding cattle, spitting tobacco and farting anytime he wanted. Big Wally had a preference for cows and they knew it, so, they were more than happy to amble along to stay away from Big Wally. Made Slim's job even easier!

Hwy 223, Kern County, California 2013

Truth Sinks In (p)



"BBQ? I love BBQ! Hay, carrots, crispy greens. Let's BBQ! What? Meat? What?"

Hwy 223, Kern County, California 2013

Misinterpreted (t)



Florence was in the local Limbo competition last night. She almost won! However, she hasn't been able to straighten her back today and it's starting to become a problem. The guys are interpreting her posture as kind of a reverse twerk!

El Porto Beach, Manhattan Beach, California 2013

Drastic Measures (B/W)(t)



Bixby the Building was always a handful for his parents. Sneaking out at night, partying with friends when his parents were out of town, eating everything in the refrigerator. Normal teenage stuff, really. Bixby's parents finally had a steeple and cross permanently attached to his head so they could visually keep track of him. It didn't change Bixby's habits, but, it sure made it easier to find him!

Bakersfield, California 2013

Mountain Life (t)



When Gibbonius Paulo isn't out working his trap lines, he relaxes on the deck of his cabin enjoying the view. Despite his cantankerous reputation, most critters know how to get under Gibbonius's skin. Mountain lions like to mess with his little flower gardens by lying on them overnight and sneering at the cabin. Deer have totally decimated Gibbonius's attempts at growing non native trees. And the bobcats, well, the bobcats crap on Gibbonius's welcome mat; frequently!

Working In Mysterious Ways (t)



The focus for the Wednesday night prayer meeting was on moisture because things have been dry for a long time. Well, come Friday, their prayers were answered with a bunch of fresh white stuff. Turns out, Juanito Crezzino crashed his plane loaded with cocaine.

Sierra National Forest, Tulare County, California 2013



Andy the Tree is getting along in years. He's lost all his leaves and has for all practical purposes, stopped growing. At times, he is confused as to what the time is and why he's on this mountain. He's having a real hard time understanding why he can't jump any more. Jackrabbits jump, right?

Dome Rock, Tulare County, California
2013

Rock On (t)



After the solid warning sign blew down three times, someone got the idea that maybe cutting the letters out would help relieve the wind shear. Jimmy the word-cutter-outer was hired because he could do the work on site. After Jimmy finished, he wanted to test the sign, so, he got a bunch of rocks and tossed them off the top. Sure enough, there were some pretty pissed off climbers when they reached the summit!

Dome Rock, Sequoia National Forest, Tulare County, California 2013

Angry (t)



Fleetfoot Zagamo is a member of the Tubatulabal Indian tribe. Skinmebear Manytime is a member of the Kawaiisu Indian tribe. They are the last remaining related survivors of the 1863 U.S. cavalry slaughter of 35 Tubatulabal and Kawaiisu Indians in Kernville, California. They both spend their weekends sitting in these mountains eating mushrooms and hallucinating about revenge on the white man. During the week, they both manage gambling casinos and scalp white folk of their money. It's not quite the same as hair scalping, but, it is satisfying.

Overjoyed (t)



Clarence was really relieved to find a location that had healthy spirits. Most of the time, spirits are moaning and groaning because they are not happy. It will be a relief not to have to listen to all that!

San Francisco, California 2013

Let It All Hang Out



Sylvia has always been outgoing. She's always easy to spot in a crowd. It may be one of the reasons she can't keep a steady partner. But, it doesn't seem to bother Sylvia at all.

San Francisco, California 2013

Appreciate What You Have (p)



Lucas bought his home because he loved the view of the hairpin curve. If he could just figure out how to mask the rest of the view, he'd be real happy. Maybe he could introduce smog? Lucas tried that once, but, the fire department showed up too quickly and his neighbors were pretty unhappy about the damage to their homes.

San Francisco, California 2013

Time Keeper (p)



Simon couldn't believe his luck. He only works during the daylight hours! He takes photos and video all day long and gets paid for being a sundial. There is a little confusion from the crowds reading the time when Simon relieves himself, but, it's not long.

San Francisco, California 2013

Susceptible To Punctures (t)(p)



Tonight is the 10th Annual Bike Bite Night. Everyone is welcome. No age requirement. Families encouraged to attend. Ride your motorcycle, bicycle, unicycle. Festivities begin at 3 P.M. Biting starts after dark when Local Union 666 shows up.

San Francisco, California 2013

Make A Decision (t)



Timothy had a wonderful view of the bridge the last 30 years. All of a sudden, the zoning laws mysteriously changed and repurposed rock homes were allowed to be built. Now, all he sees is rocks. Timothy is seriously considering accidentally setting off his old stash of nitroglycerin.

San Francisco, California 2013

Sports Picks (t)



It was at this very spot when Lieutenant Fuzzy realized how One-Eyed Mac the Zipper was keeping in touch with his bookie. Mac had access to a telescope because of good behavior. His bookie would stand at this spot on Wednesdays and Mac could see the odds on sports events from the list his bookie held. Mac was then able to get his picks to his bookie through the laundry driver who came on Thursdays.

San Francisco, California 2013

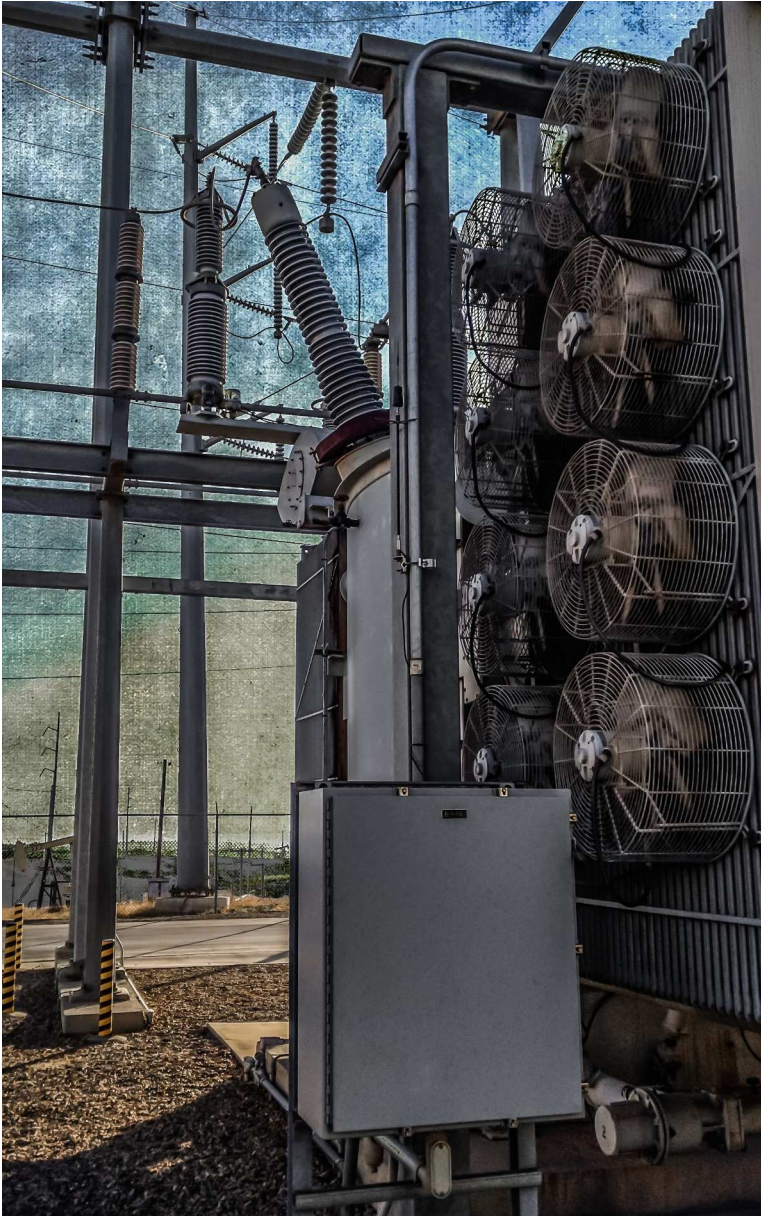
Wiggle Propulsion (t)



Wilbur the Sea Lion dreams of visiting the wharfs in the big city. He hears there are all kinds of foods available and funny-looking people to bark at. Unfortunately, Wilbur was born without flippers or a tail and every time he tries to wiggle across the bay with his ears, someone pulls him out of the water and tries to make sausage out of him. People are really weird!

San Francisco, California 2013

Residence (t)



Ben the Label has spent his whole life in one place. Boring! Summers are brutal with the heat and fan noise. But, the worst part is he can't manage his hair at all. It's always standing straight up because of the electromagnetic field that surrounds him.

Bakersfield, California 2014

The Slot Opens



It was kind of odd watching this tree inch along the trail. It was in no hurry. Once it got to the make-shift steps, it took a deep breath and started up the slot wall. I think that's as far as it got. Must have been satisfied with the location. I did notice that as other hikers passed the tree, that long root would twitch a little and scare the crap out of them. The old boy had quite a sense of humor.

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument , New Mexico 2014

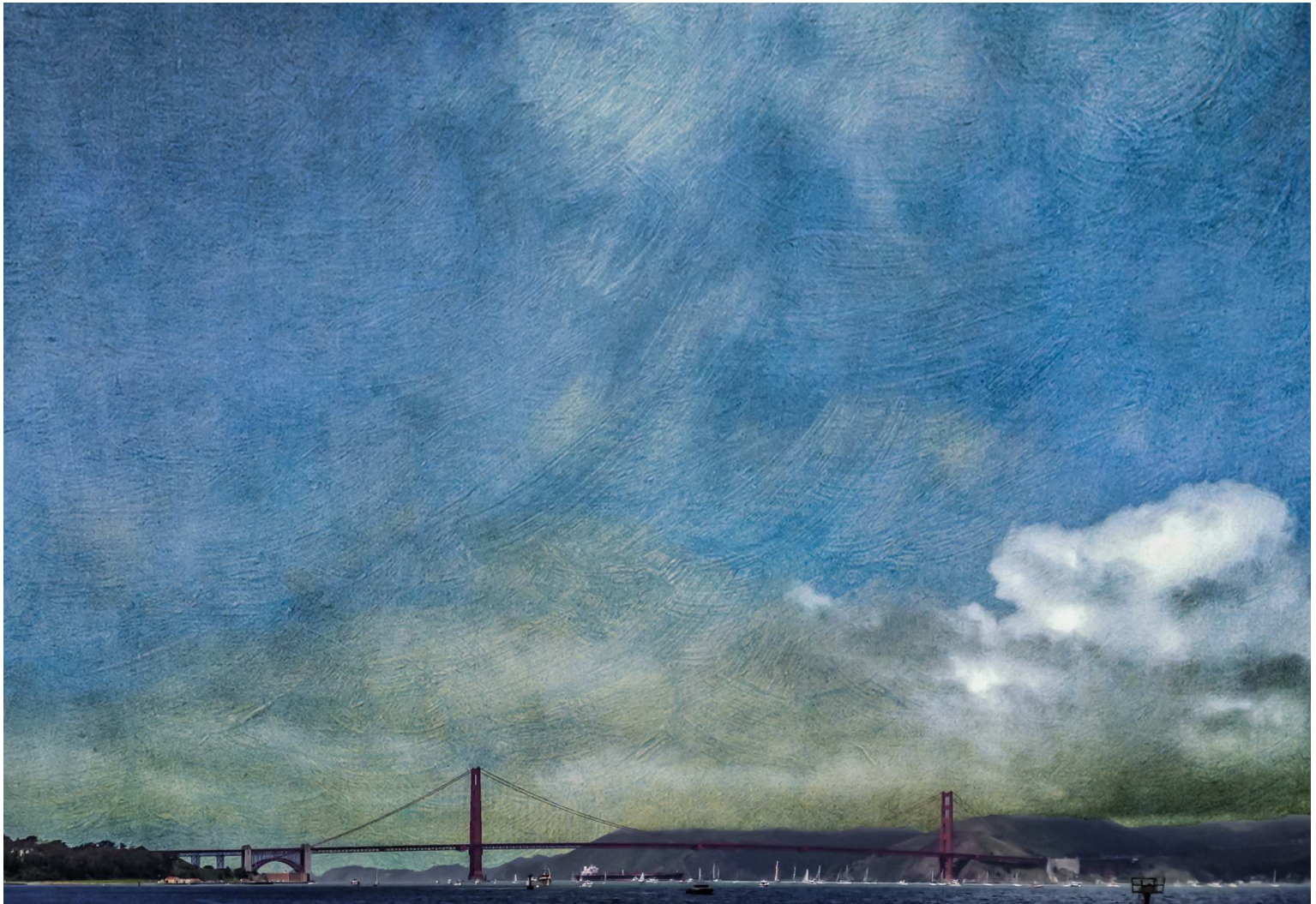
By A Hair (t)



The last time Gregory raced a Corvette on Highway 66, he almost won. He got to the edge of town, turned to see where his rival was, and, that's when his beard caught in the tires and jerked him off his bike allowing the Corvette to win.

Albuquerque, New Mexico 2014

Annoyed (t)



Willy the Wave Organ gets really annoyed when visitors stand on him to get a good view of the bridge. Oh, sure, the bridge is a lot bigger than Willy, but, Willy makes sounds! Isn't that enough?

San Francisco, California 2014



Mortimer McSteer V did a double take when he saw this sign hanging in a restaurant. Mortimer's great, great, great, great grandfather piloted the River Queen. In fact, the family has the original diary his great, great, great, great grandfather kept while piloting. If any of that stuff got out there would be hell to pay!

Alice's Restuarant, Skowhegan, Maine 2014

Confusion (t)



Back in 1050, the Wintu tribe had rules. You broke the rules, you paid. One rule was you didn't steal a brother's acorns. That was a hanging offense which you might guess was a little quicker than being buried up to your neck and covered with ants. Anyway, Likmynuts got caught stealing Little Wolf's acorns and was sentenced to be hung by the neck versus hung by the feet which takes longer. When hanging day came, the designated tribe hanger uppers couldn't decide which branch to use to string up old Likmynuts which brought into play a long forgotten rule that if it took more than two hours to decide which branch to use, the offender was released. Likmynuts got away with Little Wolf's nuts.

Height Advantage (t)



Pee Ping climbs this tree at least once a day in the summer when the leaves are fully shrouding the branches. The height gives Pee a great view which aids in the use of his binoculars and camera. Pee's climbs oddly correspond with the times his neighbor, Luscious Linda, is sunbathing in the nude.

Redding, California 2015

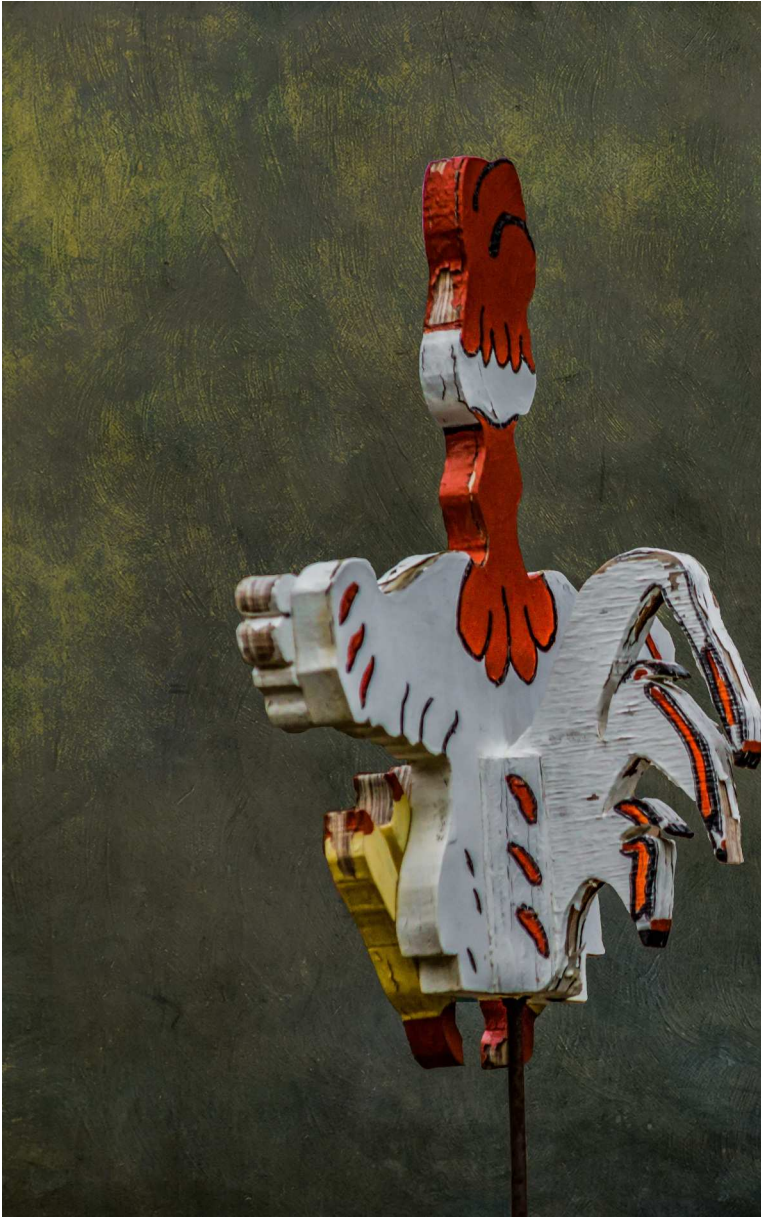
Reap The Benefits (p)



Billy Longreach is a member of the Pit River Tribe. But, he had some philosophical issues concerning fishing tactics and left the tribe to live here. It took Billy about four years to get the ropes and pulleys in place for his fishing net which stretches across the entire lake. He pays members of the Colusa tribe to crank the gears and move the net. It takes about three months to move the net from one end of the lake to the other, but, Billy doesn't do the work and reaps the benefit of catching thousands of fish at one time. The local fishermen are not very happy with Billy!

Whiskeytown Lake, California 2015

Sports Minded (t)



Chuck the Chicken wants to participate in triathlons. So far, he hasn't had much success because he can't make it to any of the events. He needs to have some equipment extracted from a sensitive body area as a result of a pole vaulting accident.

Redding, California 2015

Interruptions (t)(p)



All Scamper the Squirrel wanted was a nice relaxing nap. Sometimes, you don't get what you want!

Bakersfield, California 2015

Thing To Do In The Oilfields (t)(p)



Wiley keeps stepping on his tongue. It's hard work chasing cars! He used to be fine chasing rabbits, squirrels, roadrunners and an occasional kit fox, but, the challenge dissipated for Wiley and now, he only chases cars. He hasn't caught one yet and he's really not sure what he'll do with one if he does catch it. But, coyotes don't really think that far ahead.

Bakersfield, California 2015

Solution



This is the last thing Jack "One Eye" Barnett saw before sinking into a temporary holding pond. It was a freak accident. Jack was enjoying the sunrise with the door open to the outhouse even though his co-workers had warned him numerous times not to leave the door open. The odor was horrendous when old Jack did his business. Freaky Butch couldn't stand the smell and shoved Jack and the outhouse into the holding pond. Unfortunately, the outhouse door closed and Jack wasn't able to get it open before his air gave out. As was mentioned, it was a freak accident.

Bakersfield, California 2015

Late Night



Agave the Clown was out late last night with the Mariachi Fandangos drinking shots of tequila. He totally forgot he had a kid's birthday party to participate in today. Mrs. Straight Lacey kept asking Agave if he normally put makeup on his eyes.

Bakersfield, California 2015

Dead Pays Off (t)



The best part about being a dead leaf is that dead leaves avoid the ravenous hunger of the Leaf Scissor Decimator Beetle. They don't seem to have any interest in dead leaves. The LSD Beetle is normally a bark boring beetle, but, gets distracted easily with delusions that the color green is after it especially during breezes. Anxiety and paranoia result in the beetle viciously attacking green leaves.

Bakersfield, California 2016

Pesky Nuisances (p)



Clem Touchedinthahead has an issue with lawn beavers. Every time he gets ready to mow the lawn, he has to deal with these pesky critters. In a matter of just a few hours the lawn beavers have erected lodges all over the yard. The worst part is that these beavers are very knowledgeable on matters of the law. It takes Clem six months to have the eviction notices delivered and executed before he can mow. Clem's neighbors are not happy with Clem.

Bakersfield, California 2016

Skinned (t)



The last time buffalo were involved in trading, they lost their hides!

Shafter, California 2016

Reach For The Stars (t)



Lucinda has been the centerfold for several magazines over the years including Branch Show, Leafless Babes and Weekly Twigs. She has actually made quite a good living selling her bark and has become somewhat of a celebrity. Her saplings don't know anything about this side of Lucinda's life, but, eventually, she knows her past will surface.

Shafter, California 2016

Spell (t)



The trail ended here. No more footprints in the snow. Like she vanished at this point. Deedee Hooper evidently just disappeared along with U.S. \$200,000 in cash. Meanwhile, 30 miles away, Deedee tossed the cash on her bed and brushed snow off her collapsible broom. Sometimes it pays to be a witch!

Camp Nelson, California 2016

Resinate (t)



Samuel S. Apsucker has been using pine resin for home remedies for years. For wounds, Samuel applies a glob of soft pine resin on the wound and it works like super glue. He's treated skin rashes by dissolving pine resin in 190 proof Everclear and using the solution as an ointment. Sore throat? Samuel chews a gob of pine resin. All in all, pine resin has been pretty useful for Samuel including burning things. Speaking of burning, nobody has seen Mrs. Apsucker in quite a while.

Camp Nelson, Tulare County, California 2016

Deep Space (t)



The boys at NASA are beginning to wonder what they are going to do in the next ten years. Not much! So, a few of them are thinking, "Hey, how about just sitting in this pasture, drinking beer and enjoying the view!" It was unanimous. The boys will be in this pasture if you are looking for them.

Tulare County, California 2016

Born To Float (t)(p)



Yanti has worked around boats all his life. He's done a wide range of jobs including skippering, rigging, cleaning and guiding. But, the most fun Yanti has is when he's helping on fishing boats rigging up poles for fishermen. Yanti is a master baiter!

Balboa Island, California 2016

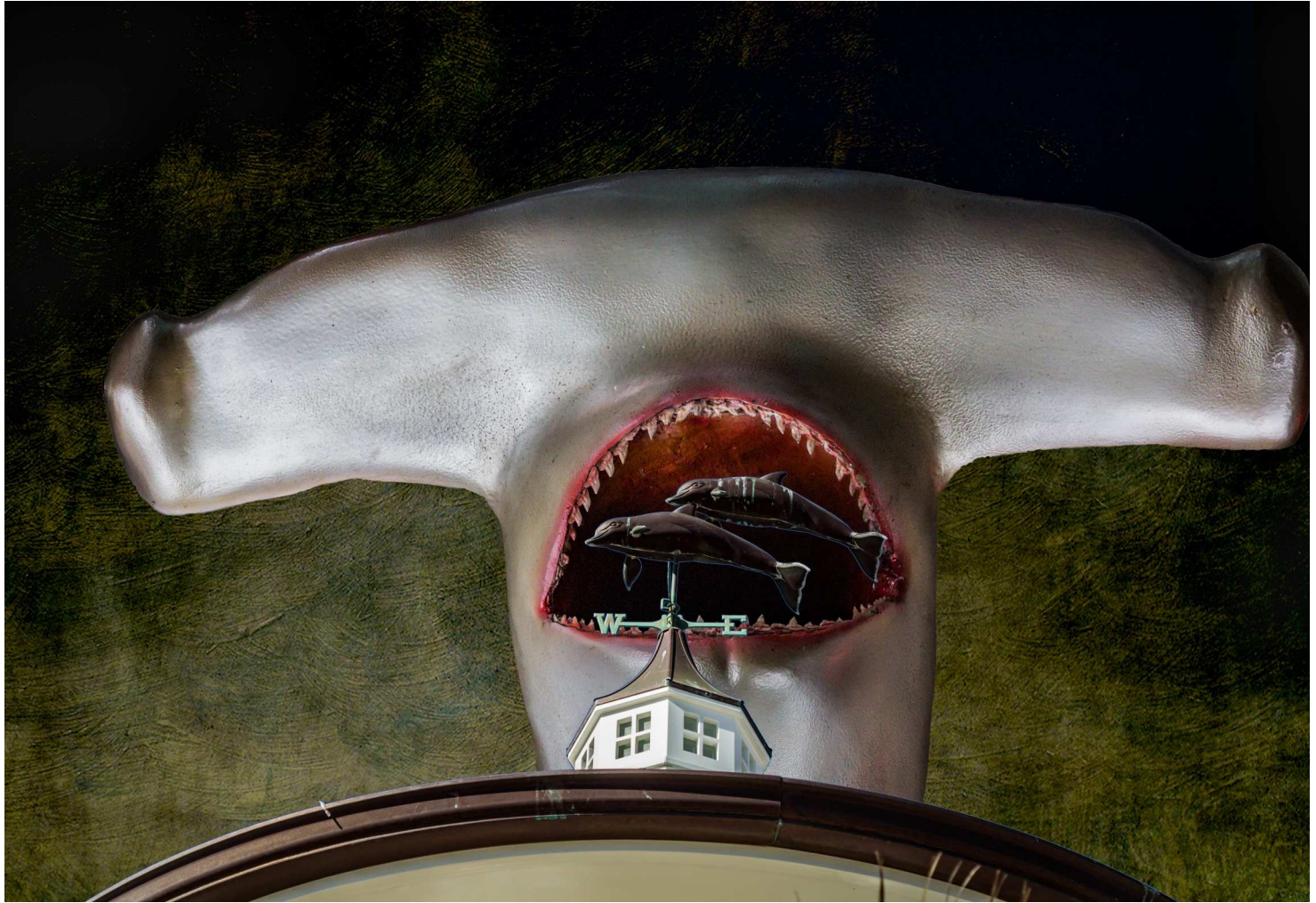
Dare To Stare (p)



Jabari Smith is a stare-down champion. She sits here 24/7 engaging passerbyers in stare competitions. She never loses. Ever!

Balboa Island, California 2016

Second Thoughts (t)



Henry the Hammerhead learned two things today. He could leap really high and he shouldn't eat metal fish! The eating part isn't too bad, but, the pooping part is killer!

Balboa Island, California 2016

Celebrate (p)



L. B. the Condulet finally succumbed to the roof-stomping celebrations by Slim the Sloth who, by the way, weighs in at 306 lbs (138.799 kg). Slim doesn't usually move too quickly, but, when he sets a new game total, he dances on the roof which clears out the arcade until he's done.

Balboa Island, California 2016

Gastric Mucosa (t)



Well, the mystery of the slimy secretions found smudged all around multiple robberies has finally been solved. It wasn't an infestation of slugs or snails nor a pack of English Bulldogs. It was the Gang of Stomachs who have been apprehended and are remanded in custody.

Mission San Juan Capistrano, California 2016



"You think we should tell Mrs. Pedagogue Zach fell in the well?"

San Juan Capistrano, California 2016

Porcelain Peace (t)



Igor the insulator would really like to get his own pad. He's tired of the communal lifestyle. Someone is always crackling or buzzing all day long. Igor would just like a little peace and quiet.

San Pedro, California 2016

Give Back (t)(p)



Boiler Room. Ty immediately thought about producing power, hot water, movies and Berlin underground music. Turns out, Ty was kind of right about all of them. Coffee, open mike nights, free food, job training, visual art instruction, music, adulting. A community effort.

Port Townsend, Washington 2016

AFTERMATH

Shari and I are really enjoying living in Washington State, USA. We are closing in on three years of residence. Ivy and blackberries around our place are slowly being replaced by wildflowers!

If you are so inclined, hi-res versions of the photos included in the book are available at davidseibold.us.

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